

# National Service Impact in New Hampshire

## AmeriCorps

Twenty-nine AmeriCorps members serving with the Student Conservation Association in New Hampshire improved the experience of more than 20,000 New Hampshire Park visitors. They worked to improve and create 52 miles of trails and river ways, leveraged more than 1,000 volunteers, and mentored 350 individuals through their inner city youth work. City Year New Hampshire, an AmeriCorps member program with 53 members, is dedicated to helping children stay in school and on track to graduate successfully. Their service made the following impact in Manchester Schools: 96 percent of students improved in literacy scores, 42 percent of students tutored by City Year who started the year off-track in math moved on track by the end of the year, 41 percent of students mentored by City Year had a decrease in behavioral incidents, and 51 percent of students mentored by City Year improved their attendance.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

The Town of Deerfield's mission is to promote and maintain standards of living by providing quality services in an effective and affordable fashion for its citizens, businesses, and visitors. AmeriCorps NCCC members supported this mission by performing energy audits, educating the community about energy conservation and recycling, and supporting town employees in gathering data to complete several community-wide disaster preparedness plans. This project was a great opportunity for members to gain a better understanding of the unique community issues that impact small rural communities in the New England states and across the country. Through this collaboration 210 people were educated about sustainability and energy, four footbridges were repaired, nine water bars were installed, and several historical cemeteries were reclaimed throughout Deerfield.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

New Hampshire Catholic Charities serves is unquietly positioned to serve as a statewide AmeriCorps VISTA project. Over the past 68 years, NHCC has grown to be one of state's largest nonprofit social service agencies, reaching out to the poor and vulnerable of all faiths and backgrounds, serving 1-in-13 people in need throughout the state. The 29 AmeriCorps VISTA members placed through New Hampshire Catholic Charities recruited and managed 5,397 volunteers, including 61 veterans, who served 22,727 hours. Additionally, VISTAs leveraged more than \$352,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Host sites include agencies such as AARP, City Year, New Hampshire Council for Developmental Disabilities, New Hampshire Food Bank, Manchester Homeless Services Center, Media Power Youth, and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Military Youth & Family Program.

## Senior Corps

The Friends Program in Concord provides services to at-risk youth through their statewide Foster Grandparent Program and its 155 volunteers. Less than half of New Hampshire 4th grade students are proficient and 22 percent read below basic level, which significantly increases their chances of becoming a high school dropout. The Friends' 115 Foster Grandparents served in 55 elementary schools helping over 2,000 at-risk students with reading skills, resulting in 95 percent of the students showing moderate to substantial improvement in three or four areas of reading participation. Another 33 Foster Grandparents mentored 336 children at least two hours each week. Of the children mentored, 87 percent had improved emotional development, 94 percent had improved behavior, 95 percent had improved academic engagement, and 91 percent had improved attendance. The 155 Foster Grandparents serve more than 47,000 hours each year helping at risk children.